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LET THE
SLAUGHTER
BEGIN!





SHIT, I
DIDN'T KNOW
THERE WERE
THIS MANY OUT
HERE.

PIECE OF
CAKE.











YOU
KNOW THIS
EZEKIEL?

HE'S PART OF THE NETWORK,
WITH THE HILLTOP AND THE
SAVIORS, ALTHOUGH I HAVE A
HARD TIME INCLUDING THEM IN
OUR GROUP. THEY'RE MORE
A TUMOR THAN A
PARTICIPANT.

THERE ARE A COUPLE
OTHER SMALLER GROUPS
WE KNOW OF... BUT WE
DON'T REALLY ENGAGE
THEM MUCH.

THE KINGDOM
IS THE BIGGEST
SETTLEMENT
WE KNOW OF
OUTSIDE OF
THE HILLTOP.

THE
KINGDOM?

YEAH,
LOOK, MAN.
I DIDN'T
NAME IT.

WELL, HOW MUCH
LONGER UNTIL
WE REACH THIS
"KINGDOM"?

TECHNICALLY
WE'RE ALREADY
HERE, AT THE
OUTERMOST
EDGE.

THEN WHAT
ARE WE
WAITING ON?

THEM.

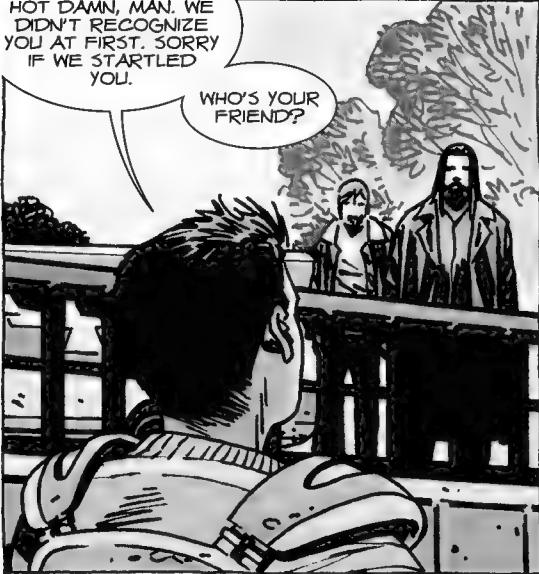


WHO DARES
TRESPASS
ON THE
SOVEREIGN
LAND OF--

OH, SHIT--
JESUS?
IS THAT
YOU?!

HOT DAMN, MAN. WE
DIDN'T RECOGNIZE
YOU AT FIRST. SORRY
IF WE STARTLED
YOU.

WHO'S YOUR
FRIEND?



THIS IS RICK
GRIMES, LEADER
OF A LIKE-MINDED
COMMUNITY. WE...
REQUEST AN
AUDIENCE
WITH KING
EZEKIEL.



ABSOLUTELY.
HE'LL BE
THRILLED TO
SEE YOU.

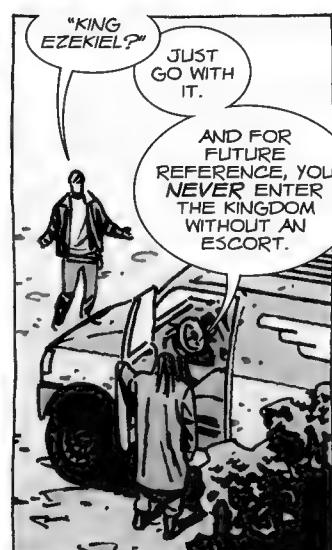
THIS
WAY.



"KING
EZEKIEL?"

JUST
GO WITH
IT.

AND FOR
FUTURE
REFERENCE, YOU
NEVER ENTER
THE KINGDOM
WITHOUT AN
ESCORT.











I'M ALMOST CERTAIN WE WON'T BE ATTACKED BEFORE WE FINISH THIS MEAL.

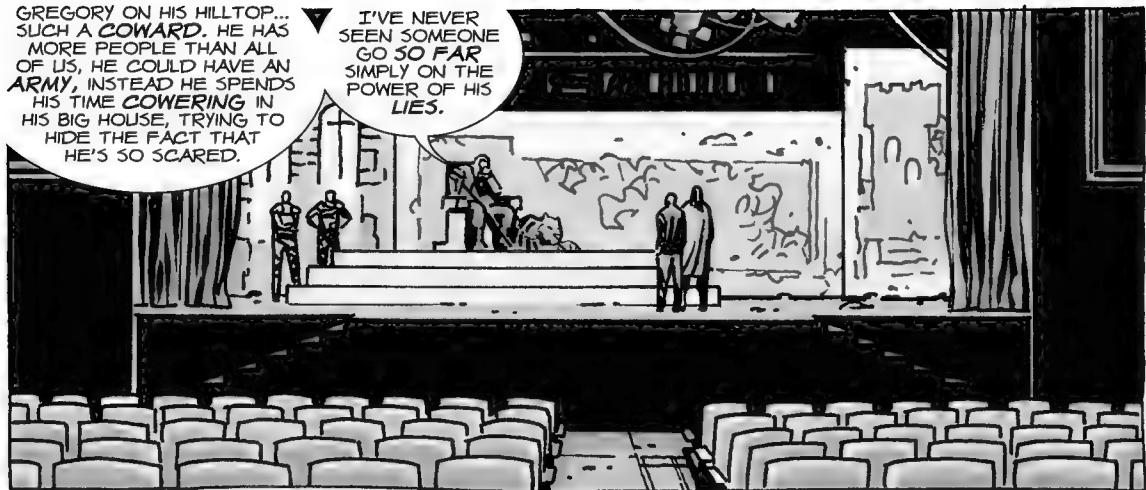
THERE WAS A TIME THAT WAS NOT THE CASE.





GREGORY ON HIS HILLTOP... SUCH A **COVARD**. HE HAS MORE PEOPLE THAN ALL OF US, HE COULD HAVE AN **ARMY**, INSTEAD HE SPENDS HIS TIME **COVERING** IN HIS BIG HOUSE, TRYING TO HIDE THE FACT THAT HE'S SO SCARED.

I'VE NEVER SEEN SOMEONE GO SO FAR SIMPLY ON THE POWER OF HIS LIES.



NO, I HAVE NEVER BEEN ACCEPTING OF NEGAN'S TRUCE. I CROWNED MYSELF KING OF THIS KINGDOM IN ORDER TO MAKE THE LIVES OF MY PEOPLE AS GOOD AS THEY CAN BE.

NEGAN AND HIS SAVIORS... I WISH TO BE RID OF THEM. YOUR FRIEND JESUS KNOWS HOW **DEEP** MY HATRED FOR THESE PEOPLE BURNS. HOW I'VE SIMPLY BEEN WAITING FOR THE RIGHT MOMENT TO STRIKE AGAINST THESE DEVILS.

YOUR SON'S EXPERIENCE PROVIDES ME WITH MORE THAN ENOUGH INFORMATION NEEDED TO LAUNCH AN ASSAULT. I THANK YOU AND AGAIN, I AM TRULY SORRY FOR WHAT HE HAD TO ENDURE TO RETRIEVE THAT INFORMATION.



I HAVE MANY PEOPLE IN MY COMMUNITY WHO WOULD BE WILLING TO HELP YOU IN THAT ASSAULT. I DON'T EXPECT YOU TO FIGHT MY BATTLES FOR ME.

I ONLY ASK FOR YOUR HELP.

AND YOU HAVE IT, RICK GRIMES.

THE DAY HAS FINALLY COME TO RIGHT THE WRONGS THAT HAVE BEFALLEN SO MANY PEOPLE UNDER THIS TYRANT.

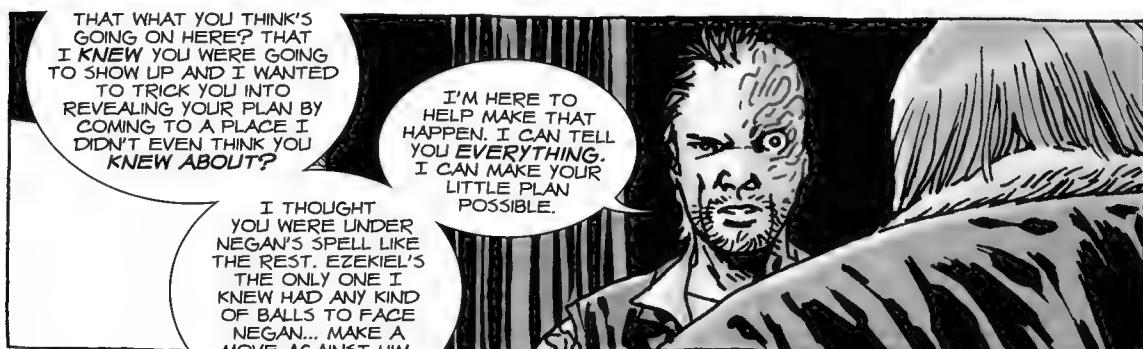


I AM PLEASED TO REPORT THAT FATE HAS BROUGHT MANY TRAVELERS TO THE KINGDOM, MY KINGDOM, TODAY.

TRAVELERS WITH A SINGULAR PURPOSE. YOUR ARRIVAL CAN BE NO COINCIDENCE-- IT MUST BE A SIGN THAT WE ARE DESTINED TO SUCCEED IN OUR TASK.

MAKE YOUR PRESENCE KNOWN, TRAVELER.







EZEKIEL, HEAR ME OUT.
IF NEGAN GAVE ME MY
SON BACK--KNOWING CARL'D
GIVE US INFORMATION ABOUT
HIS FACTORY... AND HE KNEW
THAT YOU HAD PLANS
TO MOVE AGAINST
HIM...

...IT'S AT LEAST
POSSIBLE THAT
HE WOULD KNOW
JESUS WOULD BRING
ME TO YOU--TO TRY
AND MOUNT SOME
KIND OF ATTACK
AGAINST HIM, SEEING
AS WE'RE THE TWO
GROUPS WHO
COULD DO IT.



DWIGHT COULD HAVE
BEEN SENT HERE TO
CATCH ME IN THE ACT.
I'M COMPROMISED HERE!
THIS MAN CAN'T BE
ALLOWED TO LEAVE...
THE LIVES OF MY
PEOPLE ARE AT
STAKE.

I KNOW THIS
SOUNDS LIKE A
STRETCH, BUT IT'S
MORE BELIEVABLE
THAN THIS EVIL
BASTARD HAS
SUDDENLY CHANGED
SIDES!



NEGAN
HAS MY WIFE!
I HAD TO DO
AS HE ASKED
OR HE'D
HURT HER!

YOU THINK
YOU'VE PUT
MORE ON
THE LINE?!

YOU HAVE
NO IDEA WHAT
I'VE RISKED COMING
HERE--WHAT HE'S
CAPABLE OF. YOU
THINK YOU'VE GOT
MORE TO LOSE
THAN I DO?!





YOUR SON... HE TELL YOU ABOUT NEGAN'S WIVES? THE FIRST ONE HE TOOK, THE DARK-HAIRED ONE. MIGHT HAVE DESCRIBED HER AS THE NICE ONE.

THAT WAS MY WIFE SHERRY.

SHE... CHOSE IT, THOUGHT IT'D MAKE OUR LIVES EASIER. WE DIDN'T REALIZE HOW MUCH WE NEEDED EACH OTHER UNTIL WE WERE APART. THING IS... ONCE IT'S DECIDED... THERE'S NO GOING BACK.

HE CAUGHT US TOGETHER.

THAT'S WHEN HE DID THIS TO ME.

AFTER THAT, I NEVER DID ANYTHING HE DIDN'T ASK ME TO. I NEVER DISOBeyed HIM. I WAS A GOOD SOLDIER, I DID AS I WAS TOLD.

I WAS A COWARD.

AND I DID A LOT OF TERRIBLE THINGS I CAN'T TAKE BACK.

BUT I CAN HELP YOU END HIS REIGN OF TERROR... FREE ALL THE PEOPLE EXISTING UNDER HIS THRALL.

I CAN MAKE THINGS RIGHT, IF YOU'LL JUST TRUST ME.

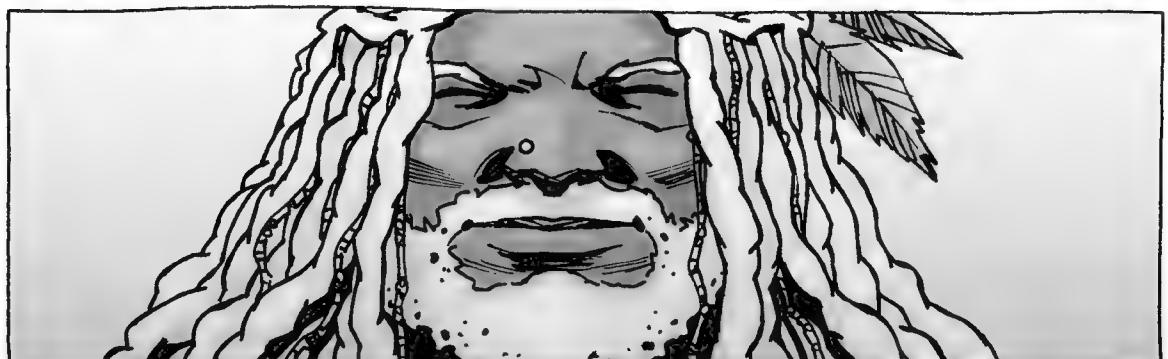




I'LL TELL YOU
HIS SECRETS, HIS
WEAKNESSES... I'LL
BRING YOU THAT
ASSHOLE'S HEAD
ON A SILVER
PLATTER...

...AND THEN IT
WON'T MATTER IF
YOU TRUST ME...
BECAUSE THAT
MOTHERFUCKER
WILL BE
DEAD.

AND THIS
NIGHTMARE
WILL, AT
LONG LAST,
BE OVER.



LETTER HACKS

WRITE TO US AT:

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Sometimes you just want to run the letters that you never want to run. People that beg to be included. Those whose English teacher failed them. Shit talking 12-year-olds. This one's for you, folks.

Oh, dear... what are we getting ourselves into... I hope you know what you're doing, Mackiewicz.

Hello, you guys. So, here's the deal: I'm going to cover several sorta mandatory areas in hope that you'll publish my letter.

The Walking Dead is my favorite comic currently being published, it has a great creative team, Mr. Kirkman, in particular, has a certain knack for understanding and developing his characters at a very intimate level, which makes them all the more believable. (Mandatory ass-kissing, check). Furthermore, this is my first ever letter written to a comic book (check).

I just want to point out that if mandatory ass-kissing was required to get printed, over half of the letters we print wouldn't make the cut... so there!

Now, on to the core topic of this missive. I'm from Colombia, I was expecting to be the first ever Colombian to write to "Letter Hacks", but some dick beat me to it. Still, you don't get many letters from this parts (publish this!). Now that I have disclosed my whereabouts, I believe that it is only fair to go out and let you know that I first discovered your fine book through the Internet some years ago (before the show even aired), illegal download (Hooray! You knew shame on You!). And it turns out, I'm a dear human, as much as I love it, there's not such thing as comic book stores, the only way to get a hold of "anny books" is at supermarkets, book stores, magazines retailers, and such. And believe me the offer is rather mediocre, to say the least (mostly the big two's stuff), also, I don't like my English media translated. Still, I did try to get your stuff legally, but wasn't able to until recently when you started shipping worldwide from the Skybound online store. So, even though it costs me almost double to get your books (thanks to shipping fees), I ordered the first two TPB's and a T-shirt, and, yes, I intend to keep on buying the rest of the paperbacks (you greedy bastards), cause I do understand the importance of supporting the creators of the stuff you like.

Wait, selling the product we make (to sell) makes us greedy? Okay. Thanks for the support, just the same.

Now, on a different note, with introductions out of the way. What finally brought me to write is two particular facts: a girl that wrote a letter to your crew in which she stated that she basically downloaded all your material illegally (ballys move) and still got published, so, I guess you appreciate bold displays of courage like that. And... the other reason was a comment from the new publisher, which I found ridiculously hilarious, 'twas about Christianity screwing up humanity. Maybe it was just a joke, but, still, I found it pretty damn funny (I'm really apprehensive about religions), that, and Mr. Kirkman's reply was just the icing on the cake. Now Mr. Mackiewicz is just fine in my book. I guess, what I'm getting at is that not only this book is unmatched comic book entertainment, but it also has all these other little things, like its ever-interesting letters page that make it all the more special and worth reading.

Not EVERYONE appreciated that joke. To be continued...

I'm starting to realize that I almost immediately forgot the content of these letters columns after they're sent to print. I'm scared...

So keep on doing your thing and I'll keep on BUYING, and reading. I almost forgot! Your book sucks sometimes (-not really-. Negative comment, check). And... Fuck you! (-just kidding-. Closing cursing, check).

Have a good one, and I'll see you when I get published.

Felipe Saldaña

Felipe, you just served up the perfect four quadrant letter: ass kissing? Check. Illegal downloading? Check. Editor name check? Check! Fuck you? Check! You had a plan and you executed. Respect.

Is Ezekiel the leader of a band of funky DC refugees? Will they sway Negan's punk rockers towards love and goodwill with p-funk, chili dogs, and good feelings? I mean, they are just kind of hanging out outside of the Chocolate City. Rick and co. is bound to run into some groups that are predominantly black.

Keep it coming,

Ed

Did Bad Brains survive the apocalypse as well? Does being fearless vampire killers translate into successful zombie killing as well? The world may never know.

Hiya all. I'm sort of a new reader, my first encounter with TWD was through the show and I became interested in the comic as well after third season. So I have had to catch up and I managed to read every comic twice already. Keep up the lovely job of killing up everyone's favourite characters! And Jesus is just awesome, I've been waiting so long a character with martial arts skills in a zombie world! (I do Tae Kwon Do and own a sword.) Gotta admit I am surprised how little people generally know about edible materials in the wilds (in the comic and irl). I mean, I could find a plant to use as a nature's own soap. And lots of edible stuff. Like plantain. You can eat it and even use to treat minor wounds. But now I'm rambling. I'm gonna (try to) keep this letter short 'cause my kitten is stealing all my popcorn while I'm writing this. It was supposed to be short letter!

Fuck kittens and short letters.

Lotta F-Bombs in this letters column...

The main reason I decided to write my first letter to you guys was because I started to think about nuclear power plants, I do not know if these questions

have been asked and answered, I didn't have patience to read all letter hacks. What happened to them? I mean, they can't be left unattended even if they were shutdown... And seeing how quickly shit went down I don't think they were even able to shut them down, not all of them.

So is there gonna be any mushroom clouds anytime soon?

Maybe there already are... in other parts of the country...

I just love this comic and the show, I'm trying to get my boyfriend to read it too. He reads too much Star Wars comics anyway. And he wouldn't be able to survive zombie apocalypse with his lightsaber.

Yours respectfully,
Märjo-Elisa, Finland

Actually, I imagine a lightsaber would come in pretty handy in the zombie apocalypse...

I hate you.
Happy?
Yes, I'm sure you are...
I really hate you. I do, a lot.
I now know what the fudge was wrong with my non-favorite character, the bowman, who I look at as the evil Daryl.
That's cool.
Really.

BUT. That sick son a glitch, Negan. Grrrrr.

Carl.

Glen.

Abraham.

OK, I know. You won't kill Carl, haha taunt. Abraham killed by Dwight. But what the HELL?????????

DO YOU REALLY THINK I WOULD FALL FOR THAT AGAIN FOR LIKE THE TWENTIETH TIME?!!!!

Ok, Carl getting shot in the back. Scared me.

Issue 48. Scared the hell out of me. Ok...

Carl getting shot in the eyeball. Scared the friggin hell out of my bunghole so meffing much that I scared and dropped the compendium. Wow.

NUH UH.

Not falling for this crap this time. Carl will LIVE. Trust me, I'm smart. In AIG.

It's cool, really, Carl will show up, maybe hurt, whatever.

But he'll live. He ALWAYS does. Like Rick. And Andrea. Aaaaand Abraham. Oh, yeah...

You do not intimidate me. AT ALL.

Cha-boom. Pleeeeeeee print this. I've written in enough, trust me. Like a whole issue.

So... Is it because of my age? that's cool. I can change it. Don't be a pervert now, Kirkman... Or that new guy (who is not better than Sina in any way, that fat motherfucker.) Mackiewicz... Sina. WTF ever.

Soooo... loved the wraparound, I couldn't get that dang other variant B.... Tell Andrew J. Shaw he AINT something... because he AINT. He is a jerk. A very, very, very, VERY, VERY, jerkjerkyjerky.

Ok.... CHABOOM, I think that's all...

Jaylan Schmidt.

12 year old in the NC. (again, you jerk).

CHOOOM! (Congrats to Invincible 100)

Yeah, it's the truth I've been ducking Jaylan. But his unorthodox spelling/grammar/mental state is like reading Kerouac's first draft of On the Road. I really hope your mom pins this to the fridge. CHABOOM.

I think that's our first two chaboom letter... and there's even a choom thrown in. Nice. Also, I wonder if you'd think Sina was so much better than Sean if you knew that he was keeping you from being printed all this time? CHA-oh, never mind.

Okay, I have never officially written a comic before, so forgive my shortcomings. I, sadly given my history as a comic book person, was introduced into the WD universe through the AMC show. After becoming addicted to it, I knew I would have to read the comic (which I had originally thought about) and again I became addicted. So in two weeks I have gotten caught up on WD show, comic, and completed the Telltale game. I must say it is extraordinary. This is a remarkable feat, considering I HATE zombies. I don't mind old-fashioned (Voodoo witch-doctor, voodoo dead beat type) ones, but the newer (Virus) kinda disgusting. Robert Kirkman did a great job with the art, I'm not a fan of Sean Lee. What I like about this good could come from Image I mean, it's Image. They are at the bottom of the comic-book totem-pole, but a good series this is. First: The style (B&W) is good, often times that style is a cheap gimmick. But WD makes it work so well. Second: I love how this is not a zombie book. It is solely about characters. EXCELLENT. Such character development in a comic book is rare. Also having just read all current WD issues, I have some past things I would like to discuss. Issue #48. Thank You. I hated Lori. A LOT. I like the TV Hershel (Sorry) more, so that didn't bother me. Question, (Not criticism) If you had known the WD would have made it to #106, would you have lengthened the opening storyline and Shane? Also the fact that people get so FREAKED out when you kill off a character is the best praise (You probably know this). When a character is poorly written, no one cares when they die. When a character is written very well, many people care. So this means you are an top-notch writer. That is all for now. Keep up the good work.

Robert The Unwise.

Robert, any wise words for Robert? I mean, he likened you to Stan "The Man" Lee.

That's certainly flattering, true believers! To answer Robert's

question, YES... had I known the series would continue this long I would have totally expanded the Shane storyline. If I recall correctly... issue 7

was originally supposed to end with them finding the prison (talk about accelerated!) which would have meant no Hershel's farm, or Hershel, or Maggie, or Glenn and Maggie hooking up... a lot would have been different... but when sales were spiking up, I thought I was safe to expand the story, take my time a little.

For more insight into the behind the scenes writing process that went into this series like the passage written above, be sure to purchase *THE WALKING DEAD: THE CUTTING ROOM FLOOR...* a book FILLED with issue by issue original plots and commentary that will be released as soon as my irresponsible ass gets around to finishing it.

I suck.

Also, Robert... IMAGE COMICS has published some of the best comics of the last TWENTY YEARS. *Savage Dragon*, *Astro City*, *Leave It to Chance*, *Age of Bronze*, *Powers*, *Chew*, *Sage*, *Fatale*, *Mara*, *Girls*, *The Sword*, *Ministry of Space*, *Fell*, *Tellos*, *Morning Glories*, *Happy!*, *Wanted*, *Rising Stars*... it's a long list. You're missing out if you're not reading a TON of Image Comics.

And the immortal Boof and the Bruise Crew.

Dear Mr. Kirkman,

In the letter hacks a lot of people have been harping on the Negan storyline by comparing it to the Governor's, but it's obvious to me that Negan and the Governor are two very different people.

THANK YOU! (Finally.)

The Governor was an idealistic hipster whose psyche became tainted by a zombified world, but to me, Negan seems like a man who was sadistic and domineering before the zombie apocalypse ever started. While the Governor tried to create an egalitarian community using depraved methods, he had the support of most of his people because they felt he was looking out for them. Negan seems content with making everyone submissive to him, and my guess is everyone obeys him because they feel he's what they need to survive. My guess is that, before the zombies, Negan was probably a sleazy CEO, or perhaps a baseball team owner, or both, because he looks and acts like an elitist prick.

Negan speculation! Speculate more, people!

I realize that if I'm right about this I probably won't get this letter published, but I think it's important to realize the difference between Negan and the Governor. They are both evil, but different kinds of evil. The Governor is deceptive, while Negan is dictatorial. Most of the Governor's followers were blind to his perversions, while everyone in Negan's group knows exactly what kind of sick fuck Negan is. Negan's followers are too afraid to do anything about him (for now- Dwight looks like he could revolt when given the chance).

Really? You think so? Weird.

I know we've learned about a lot about the Governor's past (and I'm waiting for the third novel about him), but when are we going to learn more about Negan's past? I bet he's a jerk all his life.

See ya,
Eric

And by the way, I'm in Venezuela, so I read your comics on my iPad using the Comixology app. I don't believe I've seen this app plugged in your letter hacks before, so I thought I'd do for you.

We plug Comixology's COMICS app all the time! We run ads for it quite frequently. If you LOVE comics but hate PAPER... Comixology is for you!

As for Negan... we'll know more about him, eventually... until then... keep reading... but when you know all about him, you can stop, I guess...

Re: the letter from 'Fatin' in 106 - Walking Dead TPB are available at the Last Word bookstores in Karachi and Lahore. Like it? Buy it!

Mikail

PS Big fan

Thanks, Mikail! TWD is available worldwide!

Yeah, stop all the downloadin' I'm a computer!

Your excellency,

Have you had the pleasure of experiencing A MULTIPLE ORGASM IN THE EYES?! BECAUSE THAT'S HAPPENED TO ME THESE PAST FEW MONTHS YOU SONUVABITCH! The artwork of Ottley, Adlard and Howard are smashing. That's right I said it. SMASHING DAMMIT! I can't wait for the next upcoming issue and appreciate your works. I'm hooked on the show too. I feel cheated. I know I'm a FAKE but you've been holding out on us. You see I know you've been putting off BATTLE POPE, but come on, I NEED THAT MORE IN MY LIFE. Any-who, keep up the good work. KEEP MAKING THEM AND I'LL KEEP BUYING THEM.

P.S. Would it kill you to show an Invincible toy in TWD show. Or at least a cameo of a comic or something.

Juan Gomez

I have never had the pleasure of receiving multiple orgasms in the eyes. Next letter, please.

But I was... going to comment... on his Battle Pope demand... can I? Is it okay?

Well, Juan. What I like to say in interviews is that I DO in fact have more Battle Pope stories in me. I started my career with Battle Pope and I want to END my career with Battle Pope, so once I'm bitter and washed up and can't get work anywhere and my work appeals to no one... I'll do more Battle Pope and wrap that story up... and then I'll ride off into the sunset and become a violinist... or hang myself. Wocka wocka.

Dear Robert,

So, after Negan put the iron to Dwight's face, does he give him eye drops, or does Dwight have to use points for them? If Negan makes Dwight or any other poor schlub use his points to buy eye drops, isn't that really the hardest burn of all?

Joe Kazmer
Pittsburgh, PA

That would be a pretty Neganish thing to do, wouldn't it?

Dear Kirk,

Regarding #106, there's no way Rick's gun could've run out of ammo and clicked twice. The slide would have blown back and stayed open after ejecting the final casing. If you want to show emotion through guns clicking, you can use a double action revolver - those can go "click." I guess the round could have failed to fire and in that scenario, certain guns WOULD allow the striker or hammer to attempt

to fire the round again. If that's the case, there's still a round in the chamber and Rick needs to clear it (which he would know, from police academy and a career in

law enforcement).

This gun stuff really takes me out of the comic (and the show to some extent, what with the constant firing of handguns in underground tunnels, with no complaints of hearing loss or pain). I think you should hire a gun consultant. I'm forwarding my resume.

Mitchell Lenyo
Bloomington, IN

No attachment!

Whatever it is that caused the zombies also changed the way guns work.

Walking Dead Team,

I was introduced to TWD when season 2 premiered on AMC. I watched that episode and all of the marathon of season 1 leading up to it. When the show hit a break I caught up on the comics. When I caught up on the comics, I read the novels. I have thoroughly enjoyed all of it. Thank you.

No, THANK YOU. I'm glad you enjoyed it all.

As a brewer, I know what it is like to have fans who want to get in on the creative process. I am constantly bombarded with overzealous followers chiming in with, "You know what you should make?..." This used to annoy me. Then I realized I was being a dick. These people love what I do and they're excited about it. Also, who am I to underestimate their ingenuity? I could be missing some great ideas here.

That being said, I would like to share some of my concepts with you in the off chance that they are original and doable.

-A dream sequence where we see every living character as walkers.

Eh... don't really get the point of that.

-What happened to Lilly. (I know, I know... you're done with it)

Actually, I'm NOT... check out the third novel... hint. hint.

-A spinoff of new characters in another city, state, or country. Completely unrelated to the current story.

Heard this one before.

-The zombie of a famous person. "Hey, isn't that walker Tom Petty?"

There's a zombie in the season 2 premiere that people think looks like Tom Petty--it's the one they cut open and look inside of.

Maybe there's something there. Maybe I'm a loon. I do know one thing, though. If any group were to live in an area long enough to grow crops, somebody would have found a way to make beer. That's the only flaw I can find with the story so far.

Keep up the good work.
Cheers!

Ryan Daffron

If you think I didn't run this letter because I like beer, you're crazy. The fine folks at Skybound would love to drink your beer, Ryan, right after we're done with a hard day's work. Like right now.

Sean and Robolicious,

Thank you for killing Glenn. I'm giving you an official six month overdue *E-mail high five* for printing my letter AND frustrating my brother (who is a long time reader as well).

I'm writing you today to congratulate Charlie on 100 issues, that's an awesome feat! Your art is spectacular, keep it up.

Also, I need to go over a few things with you and my fellow writers of Letter Hacks.

1. Michael Wallace (106) wrote to you and made some very intelligent references between TWD and the 14th Century. You gave this rather well spoken man nothing but a Ninja Jesus joke. That's a bit fucked up guys. I could understand if he was some teenage snot nosed d-bag who had no knowledgeable reference material, but this is a 65 year old man who obviously knows his history. After reading his letter my mind was rather intrigued about whether or not you had used the 14th C. as reference, or if you had even noticed the coincidence, but I got jack shit in the realm of answers.

Michael Wallace also accused Revolution of ripping off TWD. So I pointed out the universality of the ideas, THEN undercut it with a Ninja Jesus joke. If I didn't think Michael Wallace made some good ass observations, I wouldn't have run the letter in the first place.

Yeah, sometimes there's just not a lot that can be said in response to a letter... but it's still worth printing.

2. Mitchell Lenyo- you sir are a disgrace to Hoosiers. How the hell did you not notice your duplicate 2, nor the missing line break between the duplicate 2's? *Shameful head bow*

You should probably blame that on me. Like everything else.

Works for me!

3. This is the correct way to number a list.

But absolutely not the correct way to write a sentence.

Are you making fun of his typo, Sean? That's cold man, cold.

4. Kill Jesus.

Not any time soon. Too awesome.

Anyways, 106 had a nice cliffhanger- got my attention back in full swing. Let me see some well deserved Nega(n)tive reinforcement on Carl!

Trevin
Felton, DE

P.S. For anyone not reading Invincible- you sir's/madam's need to rethink your life choices. Can't wait for #100!

YES! What Trevin said. You should all be reading Invincible! And Thief of Thieves, Super Dinosaur, Invincible Universe, Witch Doctor, Clone... and anything else you see with a Skybound (and/or Image) logo on it!

(Insert Ninja Jesus joke!)

-Sean Mackiewicz

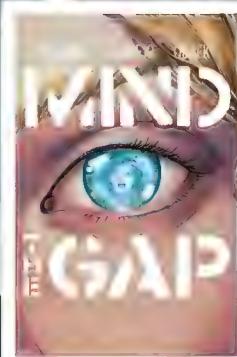
See you next month, boys and girls!

-Robert Kirkman

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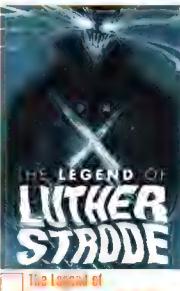
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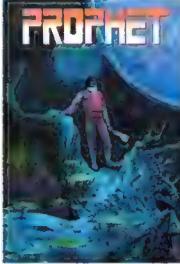
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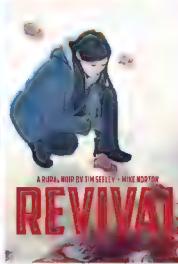
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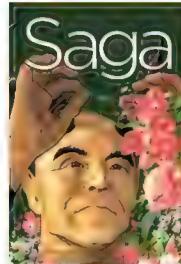
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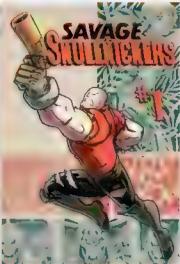
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What They're Saying About...

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"It was a testament to Duffy Boudreau's writing that he was able to incorporate the degree of political commentary that he did while establishing the world and the characters of the story, as well as the plot itself. It's a separate testament to the fact that those characters, that world and this story are so good that once the series' philosophical impetus was removed, it was prepared to stand on its own."

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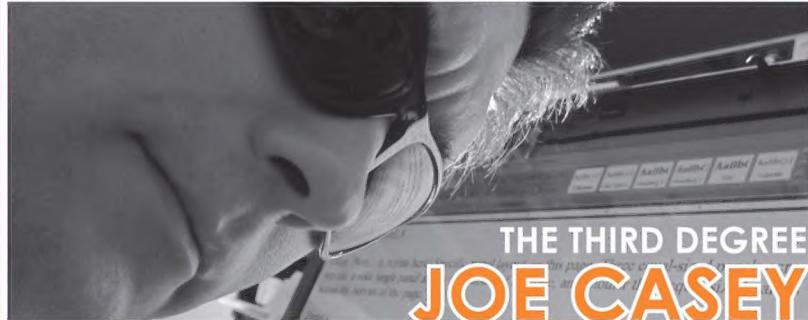
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THE THIRD DEGREE JOE CASEY

Joe Casey started his professional comics career at Marvel and has also worked for Wildstorm, as well as producing an impressive array of creator-owned comics, including **GØDLAND**, **OFFICER DOWN**, **THE MILKMAN MURDERS**, **ROCK BOTTOM**, and **BUTCHER BAKER THE RIGHTEOUS MAKER**. He is a member of the Man of Action creative collective, which created **Ben 10** and **Generator Rex**. March's **SEX** is the first of Casey's Image titles to be released in 2013. He'll follow up with **THE BOUNCE** in May.

What are you working on right now?
SEX, **THE BOUNCE**, the **GØDLAND FINALE**. Conveniently, all Image comics. Plus, a bunch of TV shows.

What's the best part of your job?
Actually having it.

What's the worst part of your job?
Listen, if there's a downside to making comicbooks, I haven't found it yet.

How did you first discover comics?
Pretty sure it was seeing Spider-Man on TV and then seeing a comicbook on some 7-11 spinner rack. I put two and two together and got my folks to buy it for me. I was hooked from Day One.

If you weren't working in comics, what would you be doing?
I'd like to think I'd still be making comics. It's kinda like breathing to me.

What's the best thing a fan has ever said to you?
"You're much better looking in person."

Who is the biggest influence on your work?
Can I count myself? Because without me, there would be no work. How's that for existential...?

What is the single work of which you're most proud?

Not so much a single work... more the fact that I've been doing it consistently for the last 15 years.

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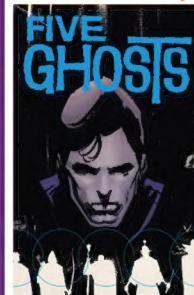
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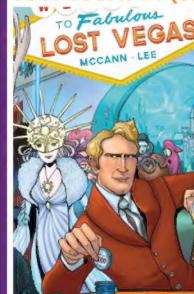
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SEX #1



Finally, a good reason for you come in the comicbook store – to buy **SEX**! Simon Cooke has retired from his own "alternative lifestyle" and returned to the city he'd previously sworn to protect. Now he's just another average citizen – or is he? The term "adult" has never been so appropriate as it is when it applies to **SEX**.

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Robert Kirkman
(The Walking Dead)

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ROBERT KIRKMAN

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Chris Hardwick
(Nerdist Podcast,
AMC's Talking Dead)



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